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Applicants have become aware of the documents, cited in a European Search Report issued November 11, 2003, during the prosecution of a European Patent Application No. 02027439.5-1218, which corresponds to the above referenced application. The documents cited on the enclosed PTO Form PTO/SB/08A, and a copy of the European Search Report are enclosed.

Applicants have become aware of the documents, cited in an Office Action dated May 18, 2004 during the prosecution of a Japanese Patent Application No. 091103405, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and herewith submit document – JP 2000-247681, along with a copy of the Office Action and its English translation for the Examiner's consideration. The two other documents cited in this Office Action were listed in the initial IDS and previously submitted to the PTO, i.e., US 4,755,488 and EP 0428002 A1.

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